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In re application of:
Jens Muller, et al **DECISION ON PETITION**
Serial No.: 09/256,386
Filed: February 24, 1999
For: FIRECT DIMETHYL ETHER FUEL CELLS

This is a decision on the petition received on September 10, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 16, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned April 18, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed August 21, 2001.

On September 10, 2001, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Part mailed February 16, 2000.

The evidence is sufficient to establish that the petitioners did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 16, 2000.

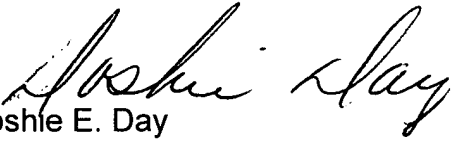
The petition is hereby GRANTED.

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The surcharge of \$130.00 has been charged to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 1745.

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